**RHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes**

**May 14, 2013**

1. Call to Order at 7:06 PM
2. Review and Approve 4/9/13 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Sandy Aleksei and seconded by Lisa Regner.

1. President’s Report – Mike McGrath

Mike attended the HC Board of Education Health Meeting. Proposed restrictions on the types of foods for fundraisers and concessions have been postponed for at least a year.

1. Treasurer’s Report – John Meehan

John presented the updated, Proposed Budget for 2012-2013 handout. We are $14,000 ahead of budget.

1. Committee Reviews/Comments
2. Twist & Turn Tavern Restaurant Night – Mary Jo Fisher

A proposed restaurant fundraiser for June 12. The Music Boosters will receive a percentage of food and drink sales for the evening.

1. Music Festival – Mr. Dubbs and Terri Hesse

We hosted an unexpected one day Music Festival, 2 weeks before the Spring Trip, which produced approximately $2000 for the Music Boosters. In March 2014 we will host the Howard County High School Orchestra Music Festival.

1. Mattress Sale – Mike McGrath

This has been “penciled in” as a collaboration fundraiser for October 5. The proposed fundraiser could help make up for the cancellation of all future car wash fundraisers on school property. The mattress company has requested time to make a presentation at a future Music Boosters meeting.

1. Art Auction – Sally Kelly (not present)

Mike McGrath said Sally will research getting another partner group for the proposed auction. Profits from the last auction, a few years ago, only produced $200 profit, possibly due to a down economy.

1. March-a-thon – Sandy Aleksei

Yes, continue this fundraiser next year. Last year it raised more money than estimated. It was easy to execute and it went smoothly. There is no Chairperson yet for the coming year. The tasks involved must be coordinated in August. We should advertise the position opening at the upcoming June Mandatory Marching Band Meeting.

1. Marching Band Camp Picnic – Stephanie Seiger and Carol Sowers

Yes, continue this next year. Though it was not designed to be a fundraiser, it is a tradition for the end of Band Camp. There was a discussion about changing the format of the picnic. This year it was catered by Kloby’s and was held in the cafeteria. Maybe next year it should be a potluck dinner and an outside event. Discussion will continue.

1. Pizza Sales – Lisa Regner

Yes, do this again next year. Lisa will continue as Chairperson. The change to new vendor Joe Corbi’s Pizza was a success. It was suggested that the start of the sale should be a week later. Also, Chairperson “face time” in front of the students helped get them involved. Lisa may promote the online sale more this year. More discussion will follow.

1. Grocery Gift Cards – Laura Kane

Yes, continue this next year. The program has been successful. Tina Sauer will be the Chairperson next year.

1. Patron Ad Sales – Sandy Aleksei

Yes, continue next year. Rob Dice will continue to assist.

1. Car Wash – Dave Palmer

All Car Washes on school grounds have been discontinued because of new HCPSS environmental restrictions. These fundraisers have brought in a lot of money in past years and other fundraisers should be considered to make up for their loss.

1. One Cause – John Meehan

No, this should be discontinued. The monies from September are just now being sent to the Music Boosters. Also, participation was low.

1. Fruit Sales – Sandy Aleksei

Yes, continue next year. Monetta Fields will be the Chairperson next year. The first two sales were good. We may consider dropping the 3rd sale.

1. Dinner Raffle – Cheryl De Pinto

Maybe, with rethinking. Many issues were discussed, including low student participation and the time-consuming process of getting restaurant donations. The timing of the raffle sale start date may need to be evaluated again this year.

1. Sub Sales – Chris Armstrong and Dave Meiners

Maybe. There was a lengthy discussion. The timing of the sale may be okay but sales have dropped significantly over a three year period. Maybe it is time to change the offering; sell platters or pizzas.

1. Musical Madness 5K Race – Greg Schuler

Yes, continue next year. Liz Krutz assisted this year. This fundraiser engages a different “audience” for the Music Boosters. Greg has heard many favorable comments from those who have “run” in previous years and who “look forward” to future events. Participation, about 220 finishers and 30 for the fun run, has held consistent over the years. The race will be on May 18. There was discussion about needing more student volunteers, length of time getting the police permit, the need for borrowed canopies and the number of tee shirts that were ordered.

1. Spring Concert I and II – John Meehan

Collected $1267, includes box office and concessions.

1. Music Awards Banquet – Lisa Regner

The event went well. A new restaurant in our area, Squisito Pizza and Pasta, was the caterer and the food was “great”.

1. Music Boosters Scholarships

There were nine applications this year; last year there were five. There will be five students selected for the 2013 Scholarship. Alumni student, Ryan Dorson, Class of 2011, donated his $600 scholarship back to the Music Booster’s scholarship fund.

1. Music in Motion – Sally Kelly (not present)

John Meehan has paid the 1st payment to register the show as Gold level. There are 8 bands coming so far and we need 14 for the Gold level. The show is Saturday, October 26.

1. Election of 2013-14 RHS Music Boosters Executive Board Members

Election committee members: Mike McGrath, Sandy Aleksie and Laura Kane

Nominees:

President - Chris Armstrong

1st Vice President – David Meiners

2nd Vice President – Cheryl De Pinto

Treasurer – Matt McGhee

Secretary – Joan Jenkins

The vote was taken for each nominee individually.

For President, Are there other nominations from the floor? No

All in Favor? Yes All Opposed? None

1st Vice President, Are there other nominations from the floor? No

All in Favor? Yes All Opposed? None

2nd Vice President, Are there other nominations from the floor? No

All in Favor? Yes All Opposed? None

Treasurer, Are there other nominations from the floor? No

All in Favor? Yes All Opposed? None

Secretary, Are there other nominations from the floor? No

All in Favor? Yes All Opposed? None

Congratulations! Their terms begin July 1, 2013.

1. Directors’ Comments

Mr. Dubbs thanked the Music Boosters for a great year. He was particularly thankful for the handling of the Disney Spring Trip in his absence.

Dr. Knauf (DK) also thanked the Board. He acknowledged that Mike McGrath did an outstanding job on the Disney Spring Trip.

Tri- M collected 20 used instruments for “Hungry for Music”. They also elected new officers for the coming year. They have started a program of free voice and instrumental lessons at Hammond Middle School.

Madrigals auditions will be next week. The Madrigals will be singing at Cedar Lane.

DK needs help preparing CDs from the recordings of this year’s and last year’s concerts. It may turn out to be a compilation CD.

DK also needs parent volunteers to help record next year’s concerts.

1. Old Business

None

1. New Business

None

1. A motion to adjourn was made by Joan Jenkins and seconded by

Steve Ichniowski. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Pearson

Secretary